

Dear FCC:

I consider it self-evident that a democracy can function properly only when its citizens have complete access to the truth. While our constitution gives prevents the government from interfering its dissemination, it does not (nor could it) provide for the existence of public outlets for the truth. Because of this, we citizens must rely on the free market to provide it. I also consider it self-evident that no one source has a monopoly on the truth. And so when the number of options in this marketplace of ideas grows smaller, the citizens of our country get exposed to a narrower segment of news, and our country suffers.

I was therefore shocked to learn that the FCC has encouraged this trend by considering erasing the few protections that American have against monopolies in the market of news providers. It will be a sad day if we ever have a Soviet-style system where one organization is the outlet for all the country's news. At a minimum, please do not erase any of our valuable protections. More reasonably, please make them stricter in order to reduce the influence of the powerful news corporations that are already in place.

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